

JOINT MEETING
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2006

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and Hamilton County Council met on Wednesday, February 22, 2005 at Morse Park and Beach, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville, Indiana. Commissioner President Holt and Council President Schwartz called the meeting to order and declared quorums present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner Steven A. Holt, Councilor Brad Beaver, Councilor Jim Belden, Councilor Meredith Carter, Councilor John Hiatt, Councilor Judy Levine, Councilor Rick McKinney and Councilor Steve Schwartz.

Financial Update

Mr. Mike Reuter gave an overview of the projected revenues and expenditure as of February 15, 2006. Reuter then reviewed the historical and projected General Obligation Bond Capacity as of December 31, 2005. Altman asked Reuter to prepare a sheet of the combined debt load.

Adult Detention Masterplan

Mr. Joe Mrak, RQAW, presented the Adult Detention Center Masterplan.

The Community Corrections Advisory Board and Hamilton County Judges have requested a joint Jail and Community Corrections technical assistance visit from the National Institute of Corrections for possible restructuring of the county’s correction system. The study is expected to begin next month with completion in Spring 2007.

Phase I - North jail Expansion/Renovation - \$10.1 - \$11.5 million

Requires one full-time position (five people)

Phase II - New Community Corrections Facility - \$20.4 - \$23.2 million

Do not know how many additional staff will be needed

Phase III - South Sheriff Office Expansion/Renovation - \$13.7 - \$15.6 million

No additional staff will be needed

Estimated total of all three projects is \$44.2 - \$50.3 million

Central Dispatch is included in Phase III and will need an additional 20-21 positions when fully built out.

Coroner and Emergency Management will also be housed in the expanded facilities. The Coroner only needs an office.

Superior Court #6

Mr. Larry Dawson provided an update on the construction of Superior Court #6.

American Consulting Engineers has been selected as the design firm. An additional for \$55,000 will be requested for design.

Envoy will be taking care of all the bidding

Buildings and Grounds will supervise the construction

Original project estimate was \$1 million

Completion is expected January 1, 2007

The original commitment was that no additional staff would be needed. On average each existing court has 4-6 staff

Riverwalk

Mr. Carl Kincaid of Rundell & Associates presented an update of the Riverwalk project.

Funding for Phase I has been appropriated

Some parking spots in the south lot will be lost.

Altman asked Mr. Kincaid to get the Phase II funding amount to her.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Al Patterson presented the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department capital expenditure “Wish List” (in no particular order)

Demming property @ 142 acres	\$2,700,000
Cool Creek property @ 13 acres	\$500,000
Coxhall Greenhouse	\$500,000
Coxhall Border Fencing	\$250,000
Coxhall Centerpiece Completion	\$300,000
Complete 2 Additional Parking Lots @ Coxhall	\$700,000
Security Video System @ Parks	\$200,000
Campsite Improvements @ White River CG	\$175,000
Monon Trail 216th Street to Lamong Road	\$3,000,000
(50% Land Acquisition, 50% Development - county would have 20% match of \$600,000)	
Hard Surface Front (Eastern) Trails @ Geist	\$50,000
Separate Horse/Pedestrian Trails @ Strawtown Koteewi	\$500,000
Add on to Parking Lot @ Strawtown Koteewi (SKP)	\$200,000
Engineering/Design Work for Historic Bridges @ SKP	\$200,000

McKinney asked Patterson to prioritize this list and get it to Council for the March meeting.

Highway Needs

Mr. Brad Davis gave an overview of the 2006 highway department’s funding needs.

Preservation of Pavements and Bridges

Annual funds needed for the preservation of pavements

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- a. Contract Resurfacing - \$2.2 million per year COIT
- b. In House conversions - \$900,000 per year LR&S/MVH
- c. Chip Seal Program - \$500,000 per year LR&S/MVH/COIT (typical COIT amount of \$200,000)

- Annual funding needed for bridges and other structures
- a. Bridge replacements/rehabs - \$3.0 million per year CCD
 - b. Bridge Maintenance - \$250,000 per year CCD
 - c. Small Structure Replacements - \$700,000 per year COIT

Matching funds needed to complete projects involving federal aid

- 104th/Olio Road Intersection Improvement - \$170,000 match (scheduled for 2007 letting)
- 136th/Prairie Baptist Road Intersection Alignment - \$180,000 match (scheduled for 2007 letting)
- 96th/Mollenkopf Road - Fall Creek Intersection Improvements - \$500,000 needed for right of way (2007)
\$660,000 needed for construction match
Probably a 2008 project. To be coordinated with a 96th street corridor study

Complete projects ready for construction

- Olio Road expansion from 96th Street to Olio Road - \$3.3 million needed for construction
- Olio Road expansion from 104th Street to Bridge over Geist - \$3.2 million needed for construction
- Highway department continues to request federal aid for these two projects

Other needed improvement projects

- Complete the expansion of 146th Street from Springmill Road to the Boone County line
 - Preliminary Engineering - \$600,000/mile totaling \$2.4 million
 - Right of way Acquisition - \$1,000,000/mile totaling \$4.0 million
 - Construction - \$6,000,000/mile totaling \$24.0 million

This project can be phased as funds allow. Would like to start Preliminary Engineering soon (Springmill to Ditch segment in 2007)

Complete the reconstruction of 236th Street from US 31 to Cicero		
Year 1 - US 31 to Demming Road - complete Preliminary Engineering		\$100,000
Year 2 - US 31 to Demming Road - right of way acquisition		\$1,200,000
Year 2 - Deeming Road to Cicero - Preliminary Engineering		\$250,000
Year 3 - US 31 to Demming Road - Construction		\$4,000,000
Year 3 - Demming Road to Cicero - Right of Way acquisition		\$1,200,000
Year 4 - Demming Road to Cicero - Construction		\$2,500,000

The segment from US 31 to Demming Road is the segment with the greatest need. Some Preliminary Engineering has been completed on this segment. Will continue to see federal funds for construction.

Other Funding Needs

- Debt Service - \$3.8 million per year COIT, \$2.2 million per year Major Bridge
- Interest/Issuance costs for 146th Street, Construction Bond - \$500,000? ('06/'07)

MPO

Altman requested a resolution on financial participation in the Regional Transportation Authority and how the county will participate with the MPO in terms of the local share that is necessary to match their funding for planning. The MPO has traditionally been funded by Marion County in terms of the local match for planning, those funds are drying up. The highway department has been trying to find money for the Hamilton County portion so we become more of a player in the IRTC which is the MPO regional. As we progress with the Transit Authority there are two or three studies that have to be completed before we can proceed for final approval for the first leg to Fishers for rapid transit. Altman will be requesting an additional appropriation of \$50,000 (in 2006) and a commitment for an additional couple of years of funding for Hamilton County's participation in the MPO.

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Highway COIT for 2007		
Contract Resurface		\$2,200,000
Chip Seal (Bit)		\$200,000
Small Structure Replacement		\$700,000
104th/Olio Road		\$170,000 (Federal Aid - \$640,000)
136th/Prairie Baptist		\$180,000 (Federal Aid - \$300,000)
96th/Mollenkopf		\$500,000
146th Preliminary Engineering		\$600,000
236th Preliminary Engineering		\$100,000
Signal Maintenance		\$30,000
MPO		<u>\$18,000</u>
	Total	\$4,698,000
Debt Service		<u>\$3,800,000</u>
TOTAL		\$3,800,000

Highway Department will need an additional \$1.5 million in 2007.

Davis stated there will an additional appropriation request coming to the March Council meeting for a bridge project in the amount of \$1 million but it will be for 3 different funds - \$400,000 out of Cumulative Capital which was money allocated for the bridge last year; \$300,000 out of the balance of what is left in Cumulative Bridge; and \$300,000 out of funds from the refinancing of the bonds. None of the request is new money.

Countywide Central Purchasing

Holt stated the Commissioners are exploring central purchasing for the county in order to improve efficiency within county government.

Employee Parking/Garage

Dillinger stated the Noblesville Parking Committee has been meeting and they are exploring several options. One option is to purchase the Shell property for a parking garage with possible retail/offices on the bottom floor, governmental offices on the second floor and parking on the top floor. Nothing has been finalized. Discussion has been held regarding the First Indiana Bank building, between 8th Street and 9th Street, as they will be relocating that branch. Beaver stated the Council will get a consensus on whether they will fund the parking garage or at least for preliminary engineering, to the commissioners by their next meeting. Beaver stated we need to explore more surface parking options to help in the short term. Altman stated surface parking is being explored.

Altman asked Fred Swift to work with the Auditor’s office to find out who needs parking spaces.

Holt stated a bigger dilemma is how much space does the county have for our downtown facility and what are the next 20-30 years bringing. As you look at build out of Hamilton County we will have huge needs downtown. Marion County has 37 courts in the City-County building, look at the Board of Health needs of Marion County. The Auditor’s office is bursting, the Clerk’s office is at capacity, the Prosecutor’s office will always be a growth unit of government. Every constitutional office has major space problems and to say let’s build a parking garage is a scary prospect. In Noblesville surface parking is cheaper than building a parking garage and as long as we can operate and find surface parking for employees we are a more prudent student of the tax dollar because we will need that ground for bricks and mortar.

The meeting was recessed for the lunch break.
Holt called the meeting back to order.

Efficiency and Operations Study Update

Ms. Sheena Randall presented an overview of the Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele Efficiency and Operations Study.
Interviews have been held with elected officials and department heads.
The employee questionnaire has been sent to each employee.
A draft report specifying preliminary findings should be done by the end of March.

Homeland Security

Altman gave an overview of the 2004 and 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants.
Medtronics - \$1.1 million
Electronic Ring - \$1.5 million
CAD/RMS Project - replaces our dispatch software. It will be shared by Carmel and county dispatch. There is enough space to include Noblesville and Westfield, if they chose to join us.

Altman and Sheriff Carter are working on the 2006 grant application. This year we have to specifically request money for projects. There are 13 initiatives in this request.

An ordinance creating a Public Safety Board has been approved by the Commissioners and has been sent to the entities for approval. This Board is for planning and cooperation purposes only, no monies are involved with this Board.

Central Dispatch

Sheriff Carter stated two dispatch centers are necessary. Chances of one center going down is slim, but having another center to take over if that happens is necessary.

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Due to new the CAD/RMS software an additional four employees for ISSD were needed at the jail and have been approved. They will be paid for out of 911 Funds. This will allow 24/7 maintenance of the dispatch software.

Levine stated it has been suggested that all counties pursue legislation for an IT rate which will be outside the levy and used to pay for IT items. It will be property tax based. Commissioners and Council had no objections.

2006 Additional Requests for Capital Projects

13-15 new personnel requests have been delayed the last two years

Jail - Phase I - \$10.6 million - 2 people

Jail - Phase II - \$21.5 million

Jail - Phase II - \$14.4 million

Court 6 - \$1 million for build-out - 6 people

Parks - \$5 million

Highway - \$1.5 million over 2006 budget

Parking - Preliminary Engineering

Levine stated the Personnel Committee has about 15-20 new employee requests. Altman asked if the efficiency study will be reviewed before any new employees are hired?

Parks Requests -

Commissioner's consensus was to bond for the land acquisition for Cool Creek and Demming.

Consensus was not to bond for the land acquisition for the Monon Trail, Parks should continue to seek grant funding with possible local match.

Sheridan - Marathon land is not conducive for a park for all county residents. No support for purchase of Marathon property.

Commissioner's consensus was to secure larger parcels of land for parks.

Indianapolis Executive Airport

Beaver stated the property owners north of Indianapolis Executive Airport are selling 20-30 acres. Five of the acres are needed for the airport clear zone. The Aviation Board would like permission to make an offer on all 30 acres because the owner will not sell just five acres. Council will schedule this for an Executive Session discussion.

Jail

Holt advocated doing Phase I, II & III in conjunction. Issue a Bond (Lease Rental) for all three phases. Beaver and Dillinger are not in favor of doing all three phases at one time. Phase II is eligible for grants.

54 positions are needed for a fully functional Juvenile Services Center.

Future Joint Meetings

Commissioners and Council will meet quarterly. Swift will coordinate the dates.

Animal Shelter

McKinney stated the newspapers reported that the Animal Shelter project was in excess of \$106,000 and it is actually \$340,000. Altman asked the Auditor's office to verify the balances and get them to the Commissioners.

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Brad Beaver, Councilor
Jim Belden, Councilor
Meredith Carter, Councilor
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John Hiatt, Councilor
Judy Levine, Councilor
Rick McKinney, Councilor
Steve Schwartz, Councilor
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Doug Carter, Sheriff
Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Ollie Schierholz, Court Administration
Ralph Watson, Community Corrections
Larry Dawson, Envoy
John Barbee, Envoy
Dan Mayer, Envoy
Mark VanAllen, RQAW
Joe Mrak, RQAW
Robert Piskoty, RQAW
Chris Sikich, Noblesville Ledger
Mike McDonald - Candidate for County Council
Bob Hanson - Butler, Fairman & Seufert
Alan Hamersly, Butler, Fairman & Seufert
Carl Kincaid, Rundell Ernstberger & Associates
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Jim Neal, Highway Engineer
Joel Thurman, Highway Engineer
Sheena Randall, Human Resources Director

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